IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new Claims 197 and 198 as follows:

-- 197. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a caching HTTP proxy server which processes a HTTP request for a URL and either responds to such a request with a URL data item from its cache or with a URL data item received upon request from a web server hosting the URL; and

a multicast loader which receives one or more URL data items via IP multicast and loads the received multicast URL data items into said HTTP proxy server's cache.

198. (New) A method comprising:

receiving URL content from the Internet via IP multicast;

caching the URL content received in said receiving step in a cache; and

configuring a web browser to access the Internet via an HTTP proxy server, wherein the HTTP proxy server receives a URL request from the web browser and attempts to find content corresponding to the URL request in the cache of URL content.--.

REMARKS

Claims 172 through 198 are pending, with Claims 172, 182, 197, and 198 being independent.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any questions remain, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative, John T. Whelan, at (301) 428-7172.